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Mr. Herbert F. Sturdy  
Chairman  
American Bar Association  
634 S. Spring Street  
Los Angeles 14, Calif.

Dear Mr. Sturdy:

Thank you very much for your good invitation to address a luncheon gathering at the annual meeting of the American Bar Association in Los Angeles on the 26th of August.

As a lawyer myself, I would particularly welcome the opportunity of addressing this distinguished assembly. It is with genuine regret, therefore, that I must decline your kind invitation since my schedule calls for me to be out of the country at that time.

Along with my regrets I should like to take this opportunity to convey my very best wishes for a most successful annual meeting of the Association.

Sincerely,

*Allen W. Dulles*

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Director

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Mr. Allen W. Dulles  
Director  
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Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Dulles:

I have been reading with great interest your warnings of the pending economic struggle with Russia in world trade. It has seemed to me for some years that we needed to coordinate our national foreign policy with the activities of our private enterprise abroad to be successful in this competition. One of the problems that is most apparent is how to use the full impact of our industrial capacity in this competition without violating our antitrust laws.

We all know what an unrestrained, larger business can do to a smaller business on the domestic front. With the entire industry of Russia in a single entity, they can do the same thing to our foreign trade unless we have some way of combining the potentials of our own industry.

This leads me to a suggestion which you might find to your liking. Late in August the American Bar Association is holding its annual meeting in Los Angeles. The largest Section of the Association is that of Corporation, Banking and Business Law, having some 8,500 members including most of the top corporation lawyers and the general counsel for most of the large industrial and financial institutions of the country. As Chairman of the Section, I have arranged a number of working sessions and also have reserved the Ballroom of the Biltmore Hotel for a luncheon on Tuesday noon, August 26. The luncheon will be attended not only by members of our Section but also by leaders of the Bar generally.

We would deem it a great honor and privilege if we might have you as our speaker at this luncheon. I know that

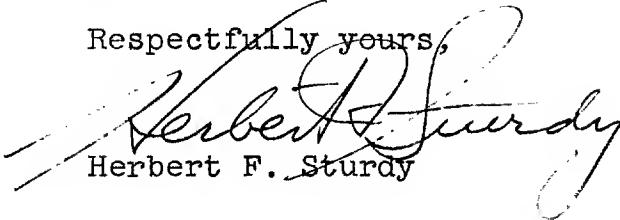
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you are almost overwhelmed with responsibilities in many directions, but I am hopeful that you might think this an opportune time to give some message to the organized Bar and, through it, to the country generally. These corporation, banking and business lawyers will undoubtedly have a substantial influence in implementing whatever plans are developed for meeting the Russian economic threat.

I would want you to know that I have previously written to your brother, John Foster Dulles, suggesting that he speak, and I was advised that his August calendar made it impossible for him to make a trip to the West Coast at that time. My good friend, Vice-President Nixon, who is speaking to another session of the American Bar Association meeting, also wrote to me that the calendar of the Secretary of State made the August date impossible for your brother to accept.

I would appreciate a collect telephone call from you or someone in your office at your early convenience. If you have any questions about the meeting, I would be happy to answer them at that time.

Respectfully yours,

  
Herbert F. Sturdy

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You will recall that you asked me yesterday to return Mr. Herbert Sturdy's call and see what he wanted.

Mr. Sturdy was calling with reference to the attached invitation (which has just arrived) for you to address the American Bar Association next August. I have talked to Stan Grogan who recommends that you decline this for two reasons:

- a. Stan feels you should not make another major talk for a good many months yet - certainly not as early as August.
- b. He believes that this one will be particularly inappropriate because it is pretty close to the November Elections and the chances are that Vice President Nixon's address to the Association will be political in nature.

I told Mr. Sturdy that as soon as his letter arrived you would see it and we would advise him of your decision. I mentioned that I thought you were tentatively planning to be out of the country at that time if you wish to use this as an excuse.

What are your desires on this?

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